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- in the vicinity of Newburg

Shimko, Frank

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Tax Map Number: 79

MD 301Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Staff: X no yes

Name: _____ Date: _____

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___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D

Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

X no — yes

Name of District: _____

 X no yes

Project Review and Compliance Files

(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

12185 Crain Highway is a two-and-one-half-story, side gable roof dwelling. The one-story, full-width front porch is covered by a half-hipped roof supported by Tuscan columns. A cross gable dormer is centered on the primary roof. The house is entered from east side of the main elevation (south).

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.


Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to

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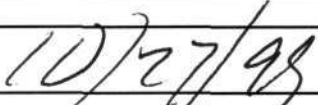
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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Consideration ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☒ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services



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Reviewer, NR Program

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Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1890, this I-house with Queen Anne influences is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an earlier example of the residential development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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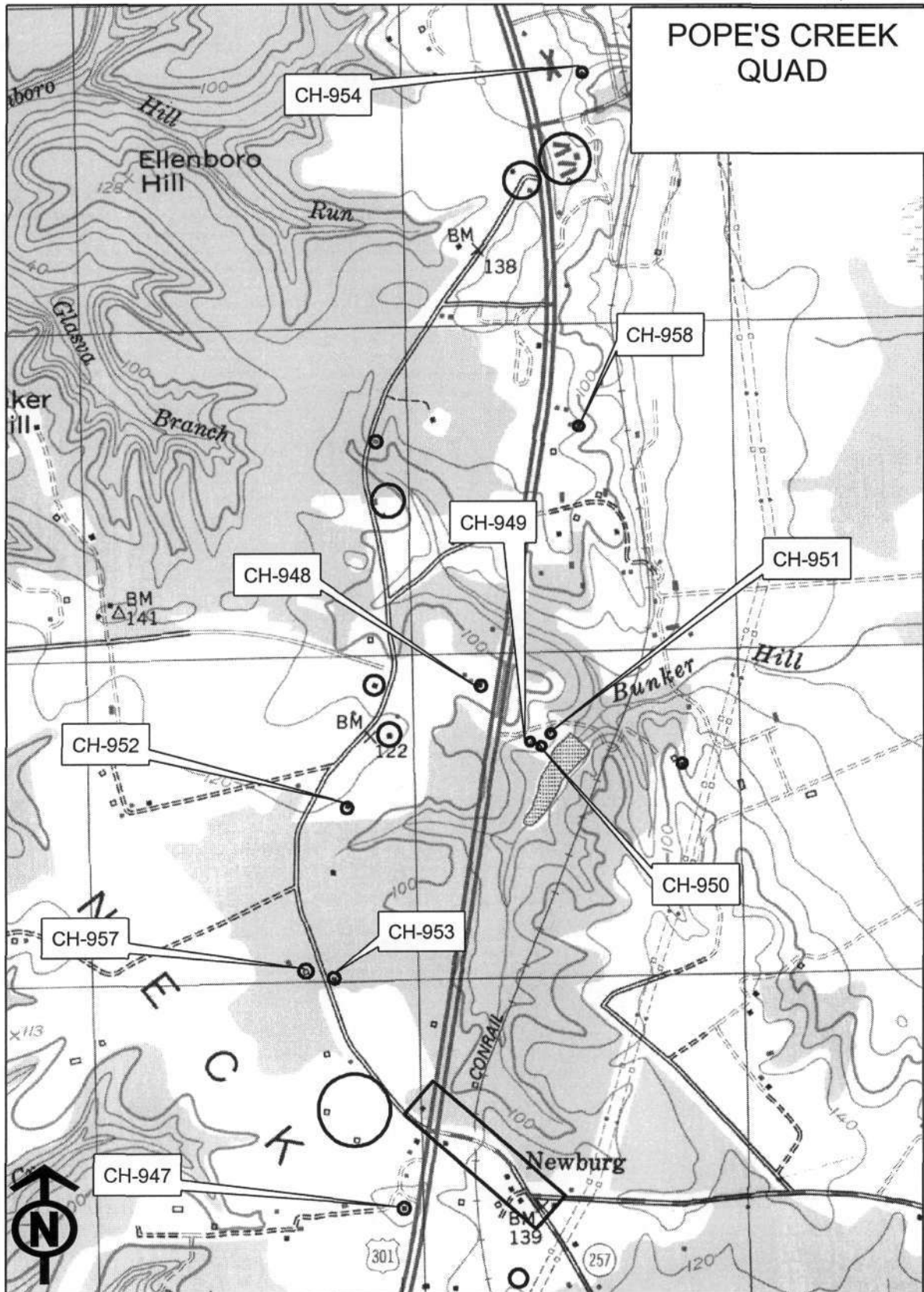
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